

Amendments to the Claims:

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

1-4. (cancelled).

5. (new) A fishing pole holder for holding in position multiple fishing poles at selected positions while trolling from a fishing boat, the fishing pole holder comprising:

a C-clamp having a main portion extending, when the fishing pole holder is installed on the boat, over a generally vertical wall of the boat;

first and second arms on the clamp extending from the main portion adjacent inboard and outboard sides of the wall, respectively;

a base plate secured to the second arm adjacent the outboard wall side;

a clamping force reaction cushion secured to the base plate;

a clamping shaft threadably connected to the first arm and extending generally perpendicular to the force reaction cushion whereby, when the clamping shaft is adjusted to a clamping position, the fishing pole holder is held securely to the wall side;

a threaded support shaft secured to the main clamp portion and extending from opposite sides of the main clamp portion in a direction generally parallel to the boat wall;

a first fishing pole holder element secured to the support shaft on one side of the camp and a second fishing pole holder element secured to the support shaft on the opposite side of the clamp;

means for adjusting the angular position of the first fishing pole holder element about a first axis that intersects a support shaft axis;

means for adjusting the angular position of the second fishing pole holder element about a second axis that intersects the support shaft axis;

means for adjusting the first fishing pole holder element about the axis of the support shaft;

means for adjusting the second fishing pole holder element about the axis of the support shaft;

the first and second fishing pole holder elements each being generally cylindrical, each fishing pole holder element being adapted to generally encircle and retain a grip end of a fishing pole;

the means for adjusting the angular position of the first fishing pole holder element about the first axis and the means for adjusting the angular position of the second fishing pole holder element about the second axis each comprise a pedestal secured to the respective fishing pole holder elements;

a strap clamp surrounding each pedestal;

each strap clamp having a closed end secured to the support shaft and an open end; and

a clamping bolt extending through the open end of each strap clamp and a clamping nut adjustably attached to each clamping bolt whereby each fishing pole holder element is secured in a selected fixed position relative to the boat wall independently of a selected fixed position of the other fishing pole holder element.

6. (new) A fishing pole holder for holding in position multiple fishing poles at selected positions while trolling from a fishing boat, the fishing pole holder comprising:

a C-clamp having a main portion extending, when the fishing pole holder is installed on the boat, over a generally vertical wall of the boat;

first and second arms on the clamp extending from the main portion adjacent inboard and outboard sides of the wall, respectively;

a base plate secured to the second arm adjacent the outboard wall side;

a clamping force reaction cushion secured to the base plate;

a clamping shaft threadably connected to the first arm and extending generally perpendicular to the force reaction cushion whereby, when the clamping shaft is adjusted to a clamping position, the fishing pole holder is held securely to the wall side;

a threaded support shaft secured to the main clamp portion and extending from opposite sides of the main clamp portion in a direction generally parallel to the boat wall;

a first fishing pole holder element secured to the support shaft on one side of the camp and a second fishing pole holder element secured to the support shaft on the opposite side of the clamp;

means for adjusting the angular position of the first fishing pole holder element about a first axis that intersects a support shaft axis;

means for adjusting the angular position of the second fishing pole holder element about a second axis that intersects the support shaft axis;

means for adjusting the first fishing pole holder element about the axis of the support shaft; and

means for adjusting the second fishing pole holder element about the axis of the support shaft;

the first and second fishing pole holder elements each being generally cylindrical, each fishing pole holder element being adapted to generally encircle and retain a grip end of a fishing pole;

the means for adjusting the angular position of the first fishing pole holder element about the first axis and the means for adjusting the angular position of the second fishing pole holder element about the second axis each comprise a pedestal secured to the respective fishing pole holder elements;

strap clamps surrounding each pedestal;

each strap clamp having a closed end secured to the support shaft and an open end; and

a clamping bolt extending through the open end of each strap clamp and a clamping nut adjustably attached to each clamping bolt whereby each fishing pole holder element is secured in a selected fixed position relative to the boat wall independently of a selected fixed position of the other fishing pole holder element;

each of the means for adjusting the fishing pole holder elements about the support shaft axis comprising a clamping nut threaded on the support shaft and engaging one

of the strap clamps whereby each fishing pole holder element is held in a selected fixed position relative to the support shaft axis.

7. (new) A fishing pole holder for holding in position multiple fishing poles at selected positions while trolling from a fishing boat, the fishing pole holder comprising:

- a C-clamp having a main portion extending, when the fishing pole holder is installed on the boat, over a generally vertical wall of the boat;

- first and second arms on the clamp extending from the main portion adjacent inboard and outboard sides of the wall, respectively;

- a base plate secured to the second arm adjacent the outboard wall side;

- a clamping force reaction cushion secured to the base plate;

- a clamping shaft threadably connected to the first arm and extending generally perpendicular to the force reaction cushion whereby, when the clamping shaft is adjusted to a clamping position, the fishing pole holder is held securely to the wall side;

- a support shaft secured to the main clamp portion and extending from opposite sides of the main clamp portion in a direction generally parallel to the boat wall;

- a first fishing pole holder element secured to the support shaft on one side of the camp and a second fishing pole holder element secured to the support shaft on the opposite side of the clamp;

- means for adjusting the angular position of the first fishing pole holder element about a first axis that intersects a support shaft axis;

- means for adjusting the angular position of the second fishing pole holder element about a second axis that intersects the support shaft axis;

- means for adjusting the first fishing pole holder element about the axis of the support shaft;

- means for adjusting the second fishing pole holder element about the axis of the support shaft;

the first and second fishing pole holder elements each being generally cylindrical, each fishing pole holder element being adapted to generally encircle and retain a grip end of a fishing pole;

the means for adjusting the angular position of the first fishing pole holder element about the first axis and the means for adjusting the angular position of the second fishing pole holder element about the second axis each comprise a pedestal secured to the respective fishing pole holder elements;

a strap clamp surrounding each pedestal;

each strap clamp having a closed end secured to the support shaft and an open end; and

a clamping member extending through the open end of each strap clamp and a clamping element adjustably attached to each clamping member whereby each fishing pole holder element is secured in a selected fixed position relative to the boat wall independently of a selected fixed position of the other fishing pole holder element.

8. (new) A fishing pole holder for holding in position multiple fishing poles at selected positions while trolling from a fishing boat, the fishing pole holder comprising:

a C-clamp having a main portion extending, when the fishing pole holder is installed on the boat, over a generally vertical wall of the boat;

first and second arms on the clamp extending from the main portion adjacent inboard and outboard sides of the wall, respectively;

a base plate secured to the second arm adjacent the outboard wall side;

a clamping force reaction cushion secured to the base plate;

a clamping shaft threadably connected to the first arm and extending generally perpendicular to the force reaction cushion whereby, when the clamping shaft is adjusted to a clamping position, the fishing pole holder is held securely to the wall side;

a support shaft secured to the main clamp portion and extending from opposite sides of the main clamp portion in a direction generally parallel to the boat wall;

a first fishing pole holder element secured to the support shaft on one side of the camp and a second fishing pole holder element secured to the support shaft on the opposite side of the clamp;

means for adjusting the angular position of the first fishing pole holder element about a first axis that intersects a support shaft axis;

means for adjusting the angular position of the second fishing pole holder element about a second axis that intersects the support shaft axis;

means for adjusting the first fishing pole holder element about the axis of the support shaft; and

means for adjusting the second fishing pole holder element about the axis of the support shaft;

the first and second fishing pole holder elements each being generally cylindrical, each fishing pole holder element being adapted to generally encircle and retain a grip end of a fishing pole;

the means for adjusting the angular position of the first fishing pole holder element about the first axis and the means for adjusting the angular position of the second fishing pole holder element about the second axis each comprise a pedestal secured to the respective fishing pole holder elements;

strap clamps surrounding each pedestal;

each strap clamp having a closed end secured to the support shaft and an open end; and

a clamping member extending through the open end of each strap clamp and a clamping element adjustably attached to each clamping member whereby each fishing pole holder element is secured in a selected fixed position relative to the boat wall independently of a selected fixed position of the other fishing pole holder element;

each of the means for adjusting the fishing pole holder elements about the support shaft axis comprising an adjusting element on the support shaft and engaging one of the strap clamps whereby each fishing pole holder element is held in a selected fixed position relative to the support shaft axis.